



Fish Passage Rulemaking Update

Overview

The Habitat Program is reviewing the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 77.57 to implement updated rules surrounding fish passage improvement work.

Statutes for considerations:

Statute	RCW Title
RCW 77.57.010	Fish guards required on diversion devices—Penalties, remedies for failure.
RCW 77.57.030	Fishways required in dams, obstructions—Penalties, remedies for failure.
RCW 77.57.040	Director may modify inadequate fishways and fish guards.
RCW 77.57.050	If fishway is impractical, fish hatchery or cultural facility may be provided in lieu.
RCW 77.57.060	Director may modify inadequate fishways and protective devices.
RCW 77.57.070	Diversion of water—Screen, bypass required.



Main Goals

The goal for rulemaking is to codify current standards used by WDFW for:

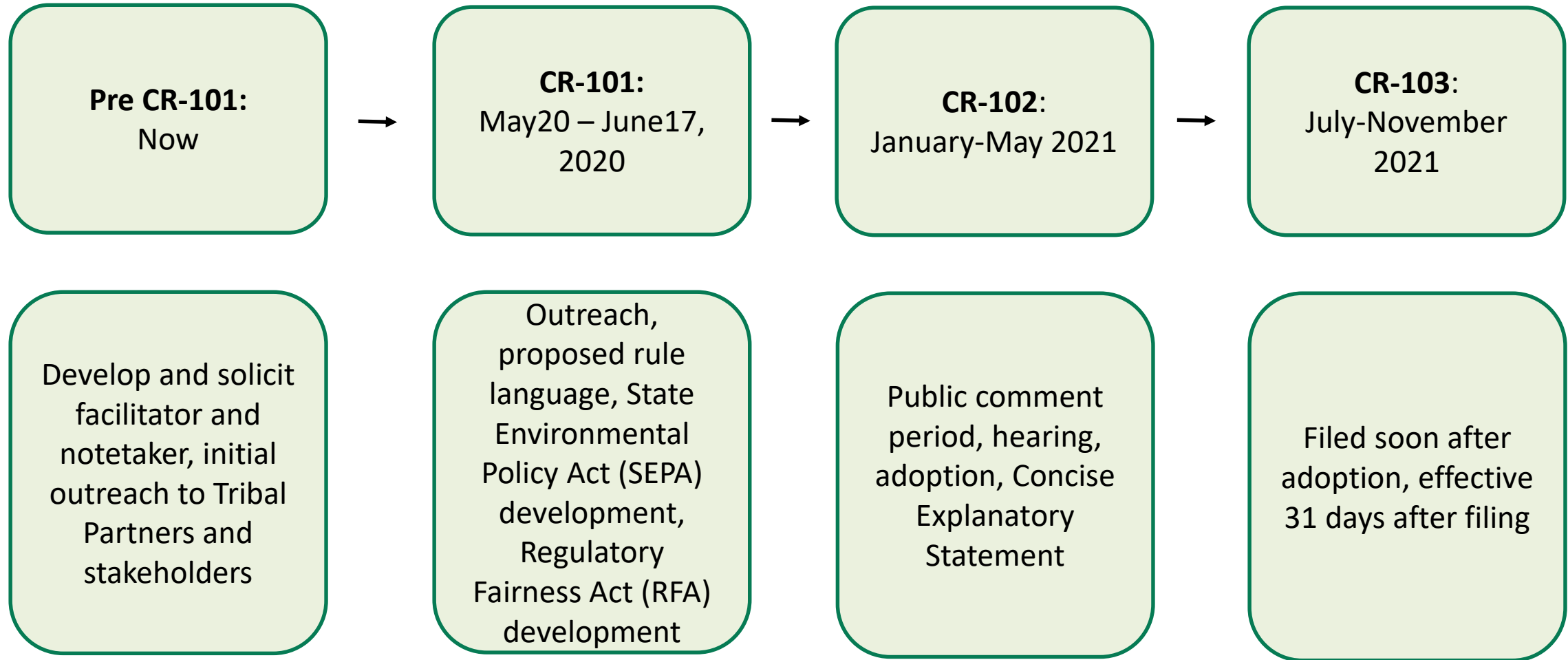
- Instream structures;
- Screening and diversions; and
- Climate adaptive water crossing structures.

Additionally, rulemaking will also address compliance issues for instream structures and screening.

New considerations will look at technical assistance programs and tools to support fish passage and screening barrier owners.



Draft Timeline



Questions?

